

HOUSE BILL 1183

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By: **Delegates Kramer, Hershey, Kipke, Smigiel, and Wood**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Motor Vehicle Safety Checkpoints – Prohibition on Targeting**
3 **Specific Types of Motor Vehicles**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a police officer at a motor vehicle safety checkpoint
5 from targeting certain types of motor vehicles; providing for the application of
6 this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to motor vehicle safety
7 checkpoints.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 25–114
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 **25–114.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SAFETY CHECKPOINT” MEANS A**
18 **PREDETERMINED FIXED LOCATION AT WHICH A POLICE OFFICER STOPS A**
19 **MOTOR VEHICLE OR A SPECIFIC SEQUENCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO CONDUCT**
20 **SAFETY INSPECTIONS, CHECK DRIVER’S LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS, AND**
21 **EVALUATE DRIVERS FOR IMPAIRMENT.**

22 **(B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A SAFETY CHECKPOINT**
23 **TARGETING THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A SAFETY CHECKPOINT**
2 **TARGETING COMMON CARRIERS, MOTOR CARRIERS, TRUCK TRACTORS, OR**
3 **TRAILERS OR SEMITRAILERS.**

4 **(C) A POLICE OFFICER AT A SAFETY CHECKPOINT MAY NOT TARGET A**
5 **SPECIFIC TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2012.